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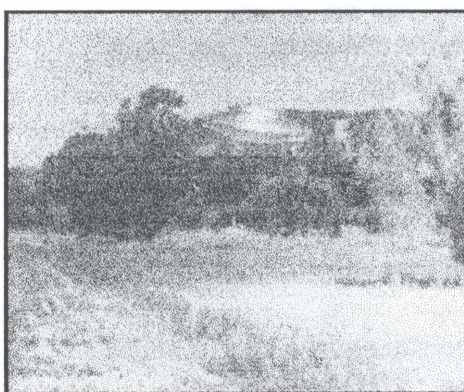
When I sat down to write this editorial, I thought for a second about the recent happenings in America and the effect that the Hale-Bopp comet has had on a few members of society. The British public rushed out with their cameras and their binoculars and pointed them skywards at the spectacular sight of the comet that will return in around another 3-4,000 years. But in America, things took a turn for the worse. The **Sunday Mail** of the 6.4.97 looked at the suicide of 39 members of the Heaven's Gate cult on the 27th March 1997 on a mixture of alcohol and pills and who thought that the '2nd' object following Hale-Bopp had come to collect their soul's and to take them to meet their maker (Well, they certainly did that all right !!!): **Suicide Sect Went On UFO Odyssey.....**

'HEAVEN's Gate cult members visited America's most famous UFO site just days before their mass suicide, to look for the spaceship that would take them to immortality.

The followers of guru Marshall Applewhite spent a night UFO-spotting on a road named the ET Highway next to a US Defence Department testing site in the Nevada desert where more UFOs have been spotted than anywhere else in

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the world. There were no sightings and they returned to their mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, California.

The UFO visit was part of a bizarre month-long odyssey that took cult members from casino's in Las Vegas to drug dens across the Mexican boarder. Details of the journeys were meticulously logged in a ledger found at the cult's headquarters.

The book shows that the cult originally set aside £1,200 for the trips, but spent much more. They stayed in Las Vegas, watched shows and gambled. They also drove to the Mexican border town of Tijuana. Police believe this is where they bought the phenobarbital pills they took to commit suicide.

Their final outing, exactly a week before their 39 purple-shrouded bodies were

Crop Circle
Formation found at
Barbury Castle in
Wiltshire on 20.4.97.

discovered, was to the cinema to see the British film *Secrets and Lies*.

I feel that people should be very wary of these 'Cult' groups, as in America there are over 2,000 such groups and in the UK over 500 and it seems that once you are 'IN' there is no way out, except as in this case via a wooden box... Ed.

As this edition goes to press I can feel editorialship blood rushing through my veins. I received a report that on Sunday the 20th April, a crop circle formation was found at Barbury Castle. Although details are a bit vague at present (I will enlighten you hopefully with more details in the next issue), it seems that it is a circle with bits coming off it. It has appeared in Oil Seed Rape (which should be easy to determine if it is a hoax formation or not, due to the crop being easily damaged) and that the dia of the circle is about 200 ft. I understand that Lucy Pringle of the C.C.C.S has flown over the formation, but I do not know at present how authentic the formation is. I have also been informed of 2 further formations, one at Littleberry Green, Essex & another formation in Sussex (No more details as yet....). I hope that I will be able to update the 1997 formations in next months newsletter.

WHAT THE PRESS HAD TO SAY IN NOVEMBER 1995.REGIONAL NEWSPAPERS.

- 1.11.95 : Redditch Advertiser : John is reaching for the stars.
- 1.11.95 : South Wales Argus : Sighting changed our lives.
- 2.11.95 : Yorkshire Evening Press : No Headline.
- 2.11.95 : Scarborough Evening News & Mercury : Witnesses scorn jets theory.
- 2.11.95 : Walthamstow Guardian : Experts baffled by UFO sightings.
- 2.11.95 : Doncaster Star : Mystery as UFOs land in Fargate.
- 2.11.95 : Ipswich Evening Star : Star goes star-gazing.
- 2.11.95 : Leyton-Leytonstone & Stratford Waltham Forest Gdn : Experts baffled by UFO sightings.
- 2.11.95 : Newcastle Upon Tyne Evening Chronicle : UFO event is out-er space.
- 2.11.95 : Oadby & Wigston Mail : Do UFOs visit Earth for firework fun ?
- 2.11.95 : Loughborough Mail : Do UFOs visit Earth for firework fun ?
- 3.11.95 : Littlehampton Gazette : Do you recall a visit by aliens ?
- 3.11.95 : Buckinghamshire Advertiser : UFO sightings : 'A conspiracy by government'.
- 3.11.95 : Ilkeston Advertiser : UFO sighted in town.
- 3.11.95 : Harrogate Advertiser : UFO sighting.
- 3.11.95 : Colchester Yellow Advertiser : UFO spotters set up shop.
- 4.11.95 : Bolton Evening News : Out of this world.
- 4.11.95 : Eastern Evening News : I've seen a UFO villager tells police.
- 4.11.95 : Yorkshire Evening Press : Region in UFO boom claim.
- 6.11.95 : Stoke-On-Trent Evening Sentinel : Unlikely passion is out of this world.
- 7.11.95 : Stoke-On-Trent Evening Sentinel : UFO was just a lot of hot air.
- 7.11.95 : Nuneaton Evening Telegraph : No Headline.
- 7.11.95 : Staffordshire Evening Sentinel : UFO was just a lot of hot air.
- 7.11.95 : Derby Evening Telegraph : Riddle of City UFO is solved.
- 8.11.95 : Chorley Guardian : Did you see UFO on moor ?
- 8.11.95 : The Scotsman : No Headline.
- 8.11.95 : Eastern Evening News : Sighting adds to 'UFO' puzzle.
- 9.11.95 : Berwickshire News & East Lothian Herald : No Headline.
- 9.11.95 : West Lothian Herald & Post : Brian spies a UFO over Whithburn skies.
- 9.11.95 : Wigan Reporter : UFO update.
- 9.11.95 : West Briton & Royal Cornwall Gazette : UFO sightings reported.
- 9.11.95 : Paddington Times : Series of talks on weird science.

EVERTON RAMBLERSLECTURE 25.4.97.

I was contacted by the groups chairman to give a talk on UFO's, as their **first** choice, Mr. Bob Price, author of UFO's Over Hampshire & The Isle of Wight was unable to attend. I accepted the invitation gladly and attended at 7.30 pm. I met the chairman 'Fred' and he introduced me to the secretary and one or two other members of the group. I sat in on the groups AGM and this broke up at 8pm (There were over 80 people consisting mainly of retired people) and then we had tea/coffee (I was given 3 cups by 3 different people who hadn't realized the others had given me a drink). I started the talk at around 8.15pm with a slide presentation, and ending at around 9pm with a few reports from the New Forest area where the group is based. I was asked a number of questions, and the meeting finally finished at around 9.15pm. I think I was well received and everyone enjoyed at look at the other side. SUFOG benefited to the tune of £7.50 for club funds. This year sees further talks/lectures to be given by SUFOG's leader Steve Gerrard, and hopefully group funds will benefit from these further talks and lectures. If any group would like me to give a talk to their group, then please drop me a line and I am sure we can make an amicable arrangement. If SUFOG members would like a specific speaker to give us a talk, then let me have your ideas and I will see what I can arrange.

9.11.95 : Bicester Advertiser : No Headline.
9.11.95 : Dover Express : Shooting star.. or a UFO over town ?
9.11.95 : Crewe & Nantwich Guardian : Did you see a UFO ?
9.11.95 : The Glaswegian : Lounging in the night !
10.11.95 : Littlehampton Gazette : UFO info plea met with silence.
10.11.95 : City of London Recorder : Something out there.
10.11.95 : Buckinghamshire Advertiser : Alien visitors : is this the proof ?
11.11.95 : Eastern Daily Press : Flight of a UFO on film.
13.11.95 : Eastern Evening News : Fantastic lights prove frightening sight for driver.
13.11.95 : Eastern Evening News : Tales of UFOs come flying in.
14.11.95 : Yorkshire Evening Post : Into the unknown.
15.11.95 : Eastern Evening News : Unexpected Friends On high.
17.11.95 : Nelson Leader : They came from somewhere else to tell of UFOs.
21.11.95 : Sunderland Echo : Jane reveals all about the X-Files.
21.11.95 : Brighton Evening Argus : My generation.
24.11.95 : Diss Express : Your UFO views.
24.11.95 : West Somerset Free Press : Teenage girl spots UFO.
24.11.95 : Colchester Yellow Advertiser : Out of this world meeting.
27.11.95 : The Bath Chronicle : 'UFO' Sightings are blamed on helicopter.
27.11.95 : Birmingham Evening Mail : UFO group set to expand.
27.11.95 : Birmingham Post : Mysteries in sky help swell ranks of UFO spotters.
29.11.95 : Liverpool Daily Post : The truth's out there waiting to be found.
29.11.95 : West Cumbrian Evening News & Star : UFO hunt on.
29.11.95 : Chad (Mansfield) : Man with a mission to convince cynics about life on other planets.
30.11.95 : East Anglian Daily Times : Suspicious sightings recorded by UFO expert.
30.11.95 : Wharfedale & Airedale Observer : Ilkley is the place for extra-terrestrials !
30.11.95 : Wigan Reporter : UFO Update.

NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS.

5.11.95 : The People : Giant UFO sent my whole life into orbit !
11.11.95 : Daily Express : Is this a UFO, is it Batman, or is it just a half-eaten Farley's rusk ?
11.11.95 : Daily Star : UFO've been framed (Glenn films huge 'spaceship').
11.11.95 : Today : UFO ? This one takes the biscuit...
16.11.95 : The Sun : Goodness, gracious great UFO's on fire.
24.11.95 : The Sun : Three tornadoes 'scrambled to intercept UFO'.
26.11.95 : Daily Express : What's funny when UFOs are hovering.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES.

00.11.95 : Business Age : Look, up in the sky.
4.11.95 : What's on Tv : Strange But True.
12.11.95 : The Universe : Invasion of UFOs ?

FORTHCOMING LECTURES FOR 1997.

UFO ABDUCTIONS AND IMPLANTS : THE PROOF.

Derrel Sims and Dr. Leir will be speaking at

**The Embassy Hotel, Meyrick Rd, East Cliff,
Bournemouth.**

on

Saturday 7th June 1997.

(7.00 pm - 11.00 pm. Doors open 6pm)

Tickets £8.00

Booking telephone number : 01202 290751.

or

The Cricklade Theatre, Andover

on

Friday 13th. June 1997.

(7.00 pm - 11.00 pm. Doors open 6pm)

Tickets £8.00

Booking telephone number : 01264 365698.

July 5th 1997 - Civic Centre, Southend.

Speakers :

Busty Taylor.
Robert La Mont.
Maria Ward.
Steve Gerrard.
Roy Lake.

Tickets :

£10.00 on the day.

£8.00 pre-booked.

Southend UFO Group.

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SKYWATCH DATES.

That's right folks, your eyes do not deceive you. I have worked out 4 skywatch dates for 1997, so now that you have picked yourselves up off the floor, here they are :

14.6.97 : Cheesefoot Head Car Park. 10pm - 2am.

18.7.97 : Location to be decided nearer the time. 9pm - 2am.

23.8.97 : Location to be decided nearer the time. 9pm - 2am.

27.9.97 : Location to be decided nearer the time. 9pm - 1am.

Obviously, we will be guided by the weather etc, but if you phone the editor in the evening to make sure that the skywatch is still going ahead, and who knows what we will see on the night. And if I know of any local crop circles, then maybe we can visit them.

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Press/Tv/Radio Matters Over The
Past Month : 15th March - 15th
April 1997.

The Press :

23-30.3.97 : Sunday People :

This was a 2 part look at Budd Hopkins new book 'Witnessed' concerning the abduction of Linda Cortile who claims aliens abducted her in the middle of New York near Brooklyn Bridge. The abduction was witnessed by 2 US Government secret agents and an international diplomat. Very interesting article, and a book that looks well worth reading.

3.4.97 : The Independent :

The article looked at a number of separate items. It looked at The Galileo probe and the fact that it has found Molecules containing carbon and nitrogen on 2 of Jupiter's moon's. Also, there was a look at the Pentagon's announcement that UFOs are not alien spacecraft, it is not hoarding any wrecked spacecraft and overall it does not think that there are any aliens hiding in the dark skies. And Professor Stephen Hawking and other scientists are warning us not to advertise ourselves to aliens, and that space probes and radios could be used by them to pinpoint our location and come and zap us.....

3.4.97 : Daily Telegraph : UFOs brought to earth with a bump....

It is official, UFOs do not exist, aliens have never visited Earth and all flying saucer sightings are now referred by the military to private organizations, the American Defense Department said today.

The announcement was prompted by the suicide of 39

members of the Heaven's Gate cult in California who killed themselves because they believed their souls would be transported to eternal life on a spaceship following the Hale-Bopp comet.

"We cannot substantiate the existence of UFOs and we are not harboring remains of UFOs," department spokesman Ken Bacon said.

Convinced there was no extra-terrestrial threat, the Pentagon has long since stopped the recording of UFO sightings, Mr. Bacon said. But enormous public interest in the existence of intelligence extra-terrestrial life has been fuelled by television programs such as the X-Files and hundreds of Internet sites addressing the topic.

Of 12,618 reported UFO sightings investigated by the US Air Force between 1947 and 1969, none "represented technological developments or principles beyond the range of our scientific knowledge," Mr. Bacon said.

No UFO reported, investigated or evaluated posed a threat to America and there was no evidence that the UFOs were extra-terrestrial vehicles, he added.

Most sightings of supposed UFOs could be explained either by weather conditions, such as lightning or unusual cloud formations, or by aircraft movements, he said.

3.4.97 : Daily Mail : Sorry ET, but the Pentagon says you do not exist....

This followed along the same lines as the **Daily Telegraph** article on the same day (3.4.97).

9.4.97 : Southampton Echo :

Researchers unearths strange circle powers.

Crop circles contain a strange electromagnetic power which can change properties in water, a Hampshire expert has discovered.

Scientists tested samples which were buried at sites of several mysterious crop circles throughout the county - and their research revealed anomalies in the water, which one investigator believes have been caused by electro-magnetic fields.

Researcher Lucy Pringle, of Petersfield, buried tiny bottles of water at the sites of around 50 crop circles in Hampshire, Wiltshire and Sussex.

Some samples were buried within the circles themselves, and others were buried outside the circles, but in the same field.

The bottles were in the ground for between five days and two weeks.

Lucy then sent the samples to be tested by scientists in Lancaster, France, and America.

And all three researchers discovered bizarre differences between the water which was buried within the circles and the samples buried outside them.

One difference was in the levels and types of bacteria within the water.

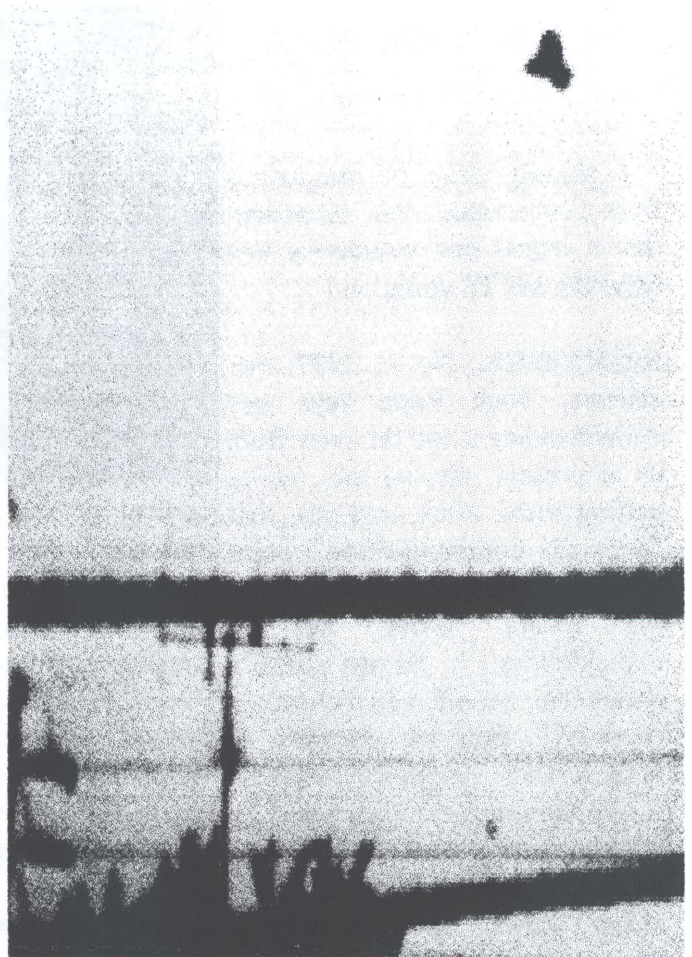
Now Lucy wants more money ploughed into researching the connection between crop circles and electro-magnetic fields.

She said : "These results are very exciting, even though they are from preliminary research. This shows that this is an area of research which clearly needs pursuing.

"This needs to be looked at in much greater details".

Television.

- 16.3.97 : Sci-Fi : Earthscan : Lapis Conference.
 17.3.97 : Live Tv : The Why Files UFO Special :
 18.3.97 : Live Tv : The Why Files UFO Special :
 19.3.97 : Sky 1 : Sightings : The MJ12 Documents.
 19.3.97 : Sci-Fi : The Why Files : UFO Awareness Group.
 19.3.97 : Live Tv : The Why Files UFO Special :
 20.3.97 : Live Tv : The Why Files UFO Special :
 21.3.97 : Live Tv : The Why Files UFO Special :
 28.3.97 : Sci-Fi : Mysteries, Magic & Miracles : UFO Encounters.
 28.3.97 : CNN : Larry King - Whitley Strieber and Ted Loman (UFOAZ).
 28.3.97 : Sci-Fi : World Wide Weird : UFO in Korea filmed.
 28.3.97 : Sci-Fi : Mysteries, Magic & Miracles : Communion (Whitley Strieber).
 28.3.97 : Sci-Fi : Earthscan : Clas Svahn - UFO Sweden.
 28.3.97 : Sci-Fi : Earthscan : Memory Loss - Val Walters.
 29.3.97 : Sci-Fi : The UFO Incident. (Rpt).
 30.3.97 : Sci-Fi : Earthscan : Sodentali, Sweden.. Anita Petterson sighting.
 31.3.97 : Sci Fi : Alien Autopsy. (Rpt)
 31.3.97 : Sci-Fi : Earthscan : Jan 1994.. Scotland. Malcolm Family UFO.
 31.3.97 : Sci-Fi : Lapis Conference : Jenny Randles.
 1.4.97 : Sky 1 : Unsolved Mysteries.
 1.4.97 : Discovery Channel : Outer Space.
 2.4.97 : Sky 1 : Sightings - In The News : Roswell Autopsy.
 Spain releases UFO material.
 Incident In Exeter.
 Update : UFO's Japan.
 2.4.97 : Sky World News : US Govt. Report on UFOs.
 6.4.97 : Sci Fi : Philadelphia Experiment (Rpt).
 9.4.97 : Sky 1 : Sightings - Ruwa (Africa) Re-encountered.
 In The News : Fairfield Idaho UFO Investigation.
 9.4.97 : Discovery Ch : Mysteries, Magic and Miracles.

Radio Programs 15.3.97 - 15.4.97.

2.4.97 : Talk Radio : The Pentagon says there are no such things as UFOs and they have abandoned the search.

The USAF has stopped keeping track of UFO's for over 30 yrs after finding no evidence for UFOs. There was a live interviews with Lt. Col. Shirley Teyo at the Pentagon press desk. Project Blue Book (1947 - 1969) has been closed because of no conclusive findings (they investigated 12,618 sightings, with 701 still being classed as unidentified). It was closed down because of :

1. No UFO reported/investigated/evaluated by the Air Force posed no threat to the security of the United States.

2. No evidence submitted to the Air Force or uncovered by the Air Force that sightings called unidentified represented technological developments or principles, beyond the range of our scientific knowledge.

3. No evidence of sightings were Extraterrestrial vehicles. They could be explained as natural forces.

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MAGAZINE REVIEWS BYMR. ERNIE SEARS.

A goodly crop of magazines from Steve again.. not surprising that it leaves one wondering just what the hell IS going on !

SIGHTINGS.. No 11 1997: For starters, Nick Pope says our understanding is too far away from us at present, physics etc.. we're getting there, Nick, and yes, that "personal communication" point you make is so true.. ask me about the recent "owls" set of coincidences ! Those MIB's surface in, would you believe, a "comedy" film in cinemas in August !.. author Michael Lindemann says this year could be the biggie, etc, in a good article.. while Lewis Mann takes the "evil aliens" view!.. the Fife incident again shows scrabbling among UFO investigators... while Bill Chan expounds on juvenile abductions... Hale-Bopp still causing waves !.. those underwater unidentified objects and the Elite communications in depth. Ouch !.. Jenny Randles on the Air Staff 2 intelligence officers and those Halo rumors, 1966 sightings and what is the truth... I dunno either !.. opposing views on that Philadelphia Experiment by Moriss Sterns and Patrick Huff.. phew ! etc etc !

VALUE for the £3.95 inc. postage, from Rapide Publishings, 14a Union Street, Newton Abbot, Devon, TO12 2JS.

Alien Encounters : No 11 May 1997:... WOW !.. 'Biggest UFO mag in the world' it says.. COULD be!.. loads of "little bits" and articles on UFO's seen by astronauts,.. the amazing mind



control of the aliens, yeah !.. messages and pancakes to mankind.. Mexican contactee's life with Martians !.. those triangles again, one "pursued" by RAF... Whitley Streibers "Secret School", book and author.. 'aliens here to save earth' says regression therapist.. MIB's again... swamped by alien films this year.. etc etc... startling, informative, and worth £2.99 in shops or from Paragon House, St Peters Road, Bournemouth BH1 2JS.

NEXUS Apr/May 1997 : ... Interesting Editorial on the "health" articles therein.. and that world threat to us by the corporations.. who controls the global drug trade ?.. the enigmatic Knights Templars.. sea-serpents.. those Australian fireballs.. conspiracies.. and yes, some small items on UFO's.. quite a mixture, but interesting if you can assimilate it all ! £10.50 per year for 6 issues from 55 Queens Road, East Grinstead, W.Sussex, RH19 1BG.

UFO Reality Apr/May 1997 No 7 : and a real stormer !.. 76 pages, intriguing articles.. the Mexican 19th parallel.. Midway UFO photos.... Jon King comes

out of the abductee closet.. dramatic !.. The Nevada Conference.. those underground establishments dug out again !.. Government implants ?.. Stir up your MP.. that Philadelphia Experiment again... 200 giant asteroids head for earth.. the short answer is "duck" ! MoD visit crop circle.. Time travel.. Inner Visions.. excellent Forum and Readers Letters.. a bargain buy for £2.85 from UFO Reality, Po Box 1998, Glastonbury, BA6 8YB, or try the better shops ?

UFO Magazine's Unopened Files No 2 : another regular "special" issue, of 'well kept secrets', as it says on it's glossy cover.. that still enigmatic TWA 800 explosion.. those mysterious pyramids again by Bauval and Hancock.. the Roswel cameraman emerges !.. while Britain sleeps, "near misses" and "UFO's", are reported by airlines... UFO ACTIVIST John Ford in jail as controversy continues, the claims UFO 'brought down' in same area as TWA 800, in 1996 !.. That "death Ray" again.. MJ12 and the Trueman signature.. Senator Barry Goldwater's "brush-off" to his UFO enquiry, 1975.. Stanton Friedman confirms UFO "evidence" beats convicted criminals court cases, surprise surprise.. Austrian scientist and MUFON rep etc Dr Lammer on military kidnappings of abductees.. can't trust ANYONE ! Anthony Dodd tells it like it is with the abductees.. those hypersonic vehicles exist.. and much more.. £2.95 from Quest Publications, Wharfebank Business Center, Ilkley Road, Otley, LS21 3JP.

Phenomenal News (Scotland) : No 5 Winter/Spring 96/97 :

A smaller mag. from the Scottish Earth Mysteries Research.. various such items, including those Knights Templars, "sick building syndrome". Malcolm Robinson interview when Malc. pulls no punches !.. that Lewis Island explosion and "emergency".. sightings reports.. "Genesis Revisited" book gets good review on whence cometh the visitors and why.. Stephen Greer's CSETI organization pushing Clinton et al into retrievals etc admission backed by actual witnesses.. that alien abduction insurance scam still surfacing.. Why ? Subs are £4 per annum for 4 issues from 35 Fountain Road, Bridge of Allen, FK9 4AU.

Malta UFO Research : No 5 1997 : issue 5.....interesting article of new anti-gravity device.. Hale-Bopp controversy.. 1952 and 1996 sightings Malta way.. alleged actual alien photograph sent to Strieber, who says 'very little difference to the real thing'!.. we wait the "actual" planet photo too!.. which he has seen ! Nicely printed black on white mag with photos, no price quoted but contact Malta UFO Research, Po Box 14, Rabat RBT 01, Malta.

The Goblin Universe : no 5 1997 :

Unusual small closely packed magazine, tongue in cheek, mostly.. sick building syndrome again !.. That Joseph Carpenter alien insurance scam again !.. "Communication" with UFO's by aircraft lights, torches etc, lots of incidents related.. record review !.. Glamis Castle hauntings.. dead pigeons in

Devon.. deep, deep, article by Noella Mackenzie on "How to Dismantle a Text".. yeah, I KNOW how that bugs you !.. various book reviews.. lots more, still don't know if the editorial staff CAN be serious ! £8 for 4 issues from 15 Holne Court, Exwick, Exeter, Devon.

The Caller : No 1 April 1997 :

Newsletter of the Jersey UFO Research Team.. eleven pages.. can't find any subscription rate but the WORD crops up often !.. a new venture, seems "awareness of the CAUSE" is worthy enough but time will no doubt clarify all that.. letters page got one reader and a long reply on Hale-Bopp, asteroids, etc.. interesting "Zone Talk" by ex.SUFRON groupie Ian R.Gould on the hows and whys of his interest in Ufology.. magazine reviews etc include Nick Pope's "Open Skies, Closed Minds", "Considered to be an MoD "plant" !.. very cute, though, if he is!.. his publishers, Schuster and Schuster, are paranormal specialists !.. try the mags head office, 14 John Le Quesne Close, St Clement, Jersey, JE2 6NJ.

Intelligence : Vol 3 No 1 1997 :

The publication for the British UFO Studies Center and ARCC Research and Counselling Center..so there ! Eric Morris is behind all that.. the lad is humorous to say the least !.. that Moon Landings enigma again, Eric's very own solution !.. another article on the Fife "Landing" by Malcolm Robinson.. the lad is **back** with a vengeance ! Pages and pages!.. Bob Higgins has at

last caught up with "mediums" (or "channelers" as is the modern term !).. buy "PSYCHIC NEWS" every week or get the books available. see what WE get to follow our "spirit guides" who SHARE MINDS with visitors ! A whole world OUT THERE, Bob ! Article by "channelers" Helenia Brierly tells it like it is.. how many of us KNOW what a "rebirth" really means ?.. call it "cosmic consciousness" if you like ! Is that much trumpeted "second coming" INSIDE of us all ? Your move ! Photo of "Scully" in the magazine is unfortunately NOT a good likeness, fellers ! Could be any modern bimbo ! Sorry, Eric ! INTELLIGENCE also has a good list of WORLDWIDE contacts, including the FBI, CIA, DIA, etc etc and the Army, Navy, and Air Force Departments ! Get the magazine from 52 Dart Walk, Wharton, (hmm ! THAT sounds familiar.. home of the "dart", or that Halo non-existent aircraft !) Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 3JE, subscriptions £2 a quarter. PS !

Not joking but I also read in the mag. that soggy microwave pizzas will be no more due to the technology based on the Stealth bomber ! NOT an Eric Morris joke ! Add to that, a whole page in my DAILY MAIL tells me that NASA have commissioned a scientist to produce tinned beans that don't give you "wind".. due to complaints from penned in astronauts among other reasons ! Always good for a laugh, that subject !

OK ! That is the LOT for this issue.. I understand our Editor has another lot of magazines ALREADY for the next issue, too.. excuse me while I have a nervous breakdown !

UFOLOGY PROVES IT'S POINT !

An article by Malcolm Robinson on a recent T.V. success for Ufology.

Will Ufology ever be proved as a serious subject ? We all know that it finds itself at the forefront of many a media joke, and no matter how impressive the evidence can be, apart from the 'would be believers', Ufology has never really proven it's point. Well not so !!

The case for Ufology was recently proven in court, (admittedly a mock court) on Friday 21st of March 1997, Grampian Television based in Aberdeen, Scotland, completed it's series of programs entitled "WE THE JURY". This program is set up in a court and takes in both topical issues, and issues that the general public would like to see debated. For it's last program in the current series, they decided to debate the issue of UFOs in Scotland and the people who have claimed to have seen them. Was there a case to be answered,? Are UFOs and alien sightings a reality ?

For the first time in the history of Ufology, the subject was to be given a serious hearing in court with a professional jury made up of individuals from all walks of life. Presenting the case for the reality of UFOs, was Malcolm Robinson, founder of Scottish research group Strange

Phenomena Investigations, who study into the wave of UFO sightings over Bonnybridge in Central Scotland is well known. Opposing the belief that UFOs are a reality, was arch sceptic and debunker,



Mr. Steuart Campbell from Edinburgh whose books debunking UFOs and the Loch Ness Monster are well known.

Supporting Steuart in the court audience, were many professional and amateur astronomers including Professor Archie Roy of Glasgow University. Clearly then, the opposition were of high standing and their views that UFOs were a 'non reality' would no doubt be presented with academic vigor.

Mr. Robinson's supporters for the motion that UFO's were a 'reality', were made up primarily of UFO witnesses which also included Scotland's most famous 'UFO abductees' Garry Wood and Colin Wright, and also SPI members including Billy Devlin. The stage was set then, for what looked like a heated debate, and never have more truer words been said (!).

As this was not a recording but going out live over various parts of Northern Scotland, it was a major platform to present Ufology fairly and accurately to the Nation without any editing or people telling you what you could or could not say. Sure we've had Kilroy Silk and other daytime T.V. programs debating the issue, but this was different, this was in court, with a

proper jury. Could Ufology prove it's point, or would it fail miserably as the astronomers teared it to shreds ? Well the scene was set, the gloves were on, it was time to do battle.

Mr. Robinson then took the floor and spoke to the jury about close proximity UFO sightings, radar visual sightings, and the fact that the sheer volume and weight of "impressive UFO cases" were growing each year. He asked the jury to consider this, and also to remember the fact that this was truly a global phenomenon of immense importance. The hushed court listened intently as Mr. Robinson delivered his speech after which it was the turn of sceptic Steuart Campbell to present his case.

Reading from notes (Mr. Robinson didn't require this stimulus to get his point over !)

Mr. Campbell asked the jury to consider that there was no concrete evidence to prove aliens or UFOs were visiting this planet, and that the whole of Ufology could be explained away as having natural explanations from temperature inversion layers to mirages.

His plea over, it was then the turn of the court audience to voice their opinion on the matter, and boy did they voice their opinion. The arguments swung from left to right as both sets of 'believers' and 'non believers' aired their views. Brian McMullan, lead guitarist with Glasgow UFO rock band CE IV, was not being put off by the astronomical explanations being given from the other side of the courtroom, and he spoke with contempt at these views and gave a scathing attack on Campbell for supporting them.

Soon the T.V. courtroom was filled with arguments swinging from both sets of 'supporters' and one was beginning to think that things were getting out of hand. A cut for commercials soon came round which gave time for emotions to be cooled. Resuming the debate, one astronomer stated angrily, that no other astronomer had ever witnessed a UFO, a point which UFOlogy can prove otherwise, (professor Clyde Tombaugh who discovered Pluto).

During the course of this 'live' T.V. debate, the viewers were asked to phone in with their own views on the matter, did they believe in UFOs ? Had they seen one ? Soon the phones were virtually ringing off their hooks !! The presenter then asked Garry Wood to inform the jury and watching T.V. audience about his own UFO abduction. Garry delivered an emotional and honest account of his experience which was backed up by his friend Colin Wright who also shared this same double abduction. The sceptics continued to press home their point that UFOs were a 'non reality' and could be explained away. At which point Malcolm Robinson came in and said to one sceptic, "have you ever actually sat down and studied the UFO data" to which he replied "no".

The debate raged on and tempers were now becoming a bit frayed. All too soon though, the program was coming to an end, and both Mr. Robinson and Mr. Campbell were asked to give a 45 second summing up of their case to the jury. Campbell continued to stress the point (with notes in hand) that UFOs were all misidentifications of ordinary mundane objects, where as Robinson stressed the need to 'examine the evidence for oneself' to look and search for the honest UFO data which was there in abundance. With that, it was time for the jury to deliver their verdict. What would it be ? The courtroom was hushed as the jury foreman was asked to give it's verdict, which was, "we the jury find the case for the reality of the UFO phenomenon, proven by 9 votes to 3". This verdict was greeted by ecstatic applause by the supporters of UFOlogy, whilst the amateur and professional astronomers and UFO sceptic professor Archie Roy, sat silent with facial expressions of object disappointment and disbelief ! This victory for UFOlogy, was made all the more sweeter knowing that we were up against strong opposition who were not ordinary members of the public as such, but professional and amateur astronomers. So for the first time in British Television history, the case for UFOs was "PROVEN". But wait, there's more. Grampian Television were snowed under by telephone calls from members of the public who also believed there was a case to be answered. A staggering 86% of the public felt strongly that UFOs were a reality.

So UFOlogy scored a victory which was celebrated back at the hotel into the wee small hours by members of SPI and also English UFOlogist Eric Morris who was flown up by Grampian to participate.

The platform for the reality of UFOs was taken on and won that night, the fight now goes on to show the world that they must now look at this subject with serious

eyes and recognize the importance of UFOlogy. New cases are emerging every day, and we can only hope that the ridicule that this subject has endured throughout the years, will finally be put to rest, it was that night, and boy did victory taste sweet.

Submitted by Malcolm Robinson, Strange Phenomena Investigations. March 1997. (c).

In the the last edition of the newsletter I took a look at the MoD and the stance taken by Nicholas Soames, and the fact that Nick Pope did not seem to agree with the MoD. It appears that the debate on UFO's still goes on in the House Of Commons...

5.11.96

Unidentified Flying Craft.

Mr. Redmond : To ask the Secretary of State for Defence if he will list the reports of encounters by Royal Air Force pilots with unidentified flying craft since 1966 which have not been released to the public; on what grounds they have been retained; and if he will make a statement.

Mr. Soames : The information could be provided only as disproportionate cost.

Mr. Redmond : To ask the Secretary for Defence what is the Royal Air Force's practice as regards investigating sightings of unidentified flying craft which correlate with radar information; if there is a requirement to investigate such phenomena by scrambling aircraft; and if he will make a statement.

Mr. Soames : Unidentified

contacts penetrating UK airspace or the UK air defence region are identified by all available means, including interception.

11.11.96

Unidentified Flying Objects

Mr. Redmond : To ask the Secretary for Defence if he will make a statement on the circumstances of the two occasions referred to in his answer of 24 July *Official Report*, column 424, when RAF aircraft were scrambled or diverted from task to investigate uncorrelated radar targets; if the objects were identified; if it was judged that breaches of United Kingdom airspace had occurred; and if he will list all similar incidents which have occurred since 1979.

Mr. Soames : The targets were identified as Russian maritime patrol aircraft and were in the northern portion of the UK air defence region. They did not penetrate UK airspace. Information covering the period from 1979 is not held in a readily form and could be provided only at disproportionate cost and effort.

Mr. Redmond : To ask the secretary of Defence when United Kingdom military personnel were briefed about the scrambling of Belgian F-16 aircraft on 30 and 31 March 1990; when the unidentified flying object concerned was detected on United Kingdom radar systems; and if RAF aircraft were scrambled.

Mr. Soames : The Belgian authorities did not notify adjacent countries because no threat was perceived. There is no evidence of

radar contacts within UK air defence system.

12.11.96

Defence.

Unidentified Flying Objects.

Mr. Redmond : To ask the Secretary for Defence (1) what factors underlay his Department's decision that the reported sightings of unidentified flying objects on 5 November 1990 and 31 March 1993 were not of defence significance :

(2) for what reasons his Department assessed the sightings of an unidentified flying object over RAF Shawbury, referred to in his answer of 24 July, *Official Report*, column 424, as having no defence significance.

Mr. Soames : I refer the hon. Member to the answer that I gave him on 8 July 1996, *Official Report*, column 26.

What I like about the House of Commons and the House of Lords, is that when you ask an MP a question, he never directly answers it, but I suppose that is what being an MP is all about, being able to confuse people with long words and never owning up to saying anything even if it is in black and white (Thank god that the elections will be over by the time you receive this edition of the newsletter). What I found interesting, was the first question on the 5.11.96 by Mr. Redmond and the fact that there are other records appertaining to sightings since 1966, but of course, there is always the cost !!!! (Steve Gerrard.. SUFOG Editor).

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Then the Lt. Col. was asked the following :

Q/ Where did the craft being tested at Area 51 in Nevada come from ?

A/ Well sir we only have the information in the terms of Project Blue Book, we don't have anything about an Area 51.

Q/ You mean you won't admit there is one ?

A/ I don't know there is one !

Q/ As mentioned earlier Area 51 in Nevada and I can't even get you to admit that the area exists ?

A/ We **DON'T** have an Area 51 and we have closed down our project.

The rest of the program was taken up with telephone calls from listeners and Tony Dodd made a short appearance on the program.

Radio Solent : 3.4.97 : **Richard Williams Show.**

The Pentagon statement that they stopped their investigation 22 years ago, and they do not hold any UFO remains. Also, listeners phoned in with their UFO sightings.

Radio 2 : Hayes Over Britain : **7.4.97.**

Is there intelligent life out there after the Galileo probe has found life making elements on 2 of Jupiters moons. Astronomer Heather Cooper appeared on the program and listeners phoned in with their points concerning life in outer space. Also, people phoned in about their personal UFO sightings.

The Wheatear's Column.

It was three years ago now that I gave SUFOG readers a month by month account of crop circles as they appeared. I tried to visit as many as possible whenever I could and managed to check out over 50 formations that 94 season. It was quite an exhaustive experience and by the end of the season I was dismayed by the extent of hoaxing that I had found. Last year I never visited any, with housemoving and one thing and another, I never really felt inclined to go searching them out, of course I saw the photos of the big three (DNA helix at Alton Barnes, The Stonehenge Julia set and the Windmill Hill triple spiral) they looked impressive at least. This year I have decided to go out and see just what develops, I am very keen to see what this year reveals, and therefore I am planning to go into overdrive as it were and I will do as many nightwatches as possible (I must be mad !). I have a friend who is also keen to return to the fields and we are planning to get a few flights booked up, flying over the formations. We will also be using a night image intensifier to catch those shy hoaxers.

I am looking forward to many Avebury area sunsets and sunrises, to see the sunrise while on top of Adams Grave is a unique experience. What will this year hold ? I feel very optimistic about this year and I know its been said before but I think something will happen this year in the crop fields, something very positive and I want to be there when it happens. This year has perhaps started early for at Cornwall on the 31st January a 'Q' shaped formation was found in grass, thought by many researchers to be a hoax the MoD were very

keen to check it out never the less. The formation measured 37ft across and it seems to be having some effects on horses who, it is alleged, will not go anywhere near it.

Now its time to get the cane out ! Why do some UFO researchers advocate working together on sightings and exchange information and yet seem to do the opposite, for example your editor recently sent out 32 letters to various UFO groups in the UK and beyond with a simple request to exchange newsletters etc. Of that amount only two replied (One was from Malta !) Why readers is there such apathy ? The publics indifference is understandable but when it comes to those who purport to be into UFOlogy I really do wonder. So to all those of you who never bothered to reply to offers of friendship, I would like to thank you on behalf of all those who seek to confuse and hide the evidence, the C.I.A, MoD etc etc. A little dramatic I know but until genuine co-operation exists between UFO/Crop Circle groups we will only hinder ourselves. If they can divide us, or in this case we do it ourselves, they will always rule. On a more positive note your editor does exchange newsletters etc with around 30 groups worldwide, thanks to you all, the newsletters and journals from around the UK alone on UFO and Crop Circle related subjects are made by dedicated people and are a credit to the subject they study, the picture could be very distorted without their hard work.

One more subject I would like to bring up is people's apathy to UFOlogy, and I aim these words at those who have never been nightwatching or entered a crop formation.

With the start of a new crop circle

season and the fact that the UFO evidence is becoming overwhelming, why don't we all forget those lottery tickets, turn off East Enders or Coronation Street, get off our rears and see for ourselves what's really going on in the fields and skies while we are being, er... entertained ? How can you do this ? (Well there's a little knob called off and....) seriously though go and do a nightwatch, I am discussing with your Ed the idea of a nightwatch around the active Avebury area in the Summer, we will organize transport for those without any (a minibus perhaps). other ideas include hearing Roy Lake from London who will be giving a talk arranged by Steve (Ed) on the 29th June. Roy is worth hearing believe me.

In conclusion I would say this, I firmly believe that a battle could well be being waged and the prize is our minds, the powers that seem to manipulate us so easily are covering up the UFO evidence, who could doubt that. Could it be that the knowledge they suppress might actually benefit us and mankind. If so, then only through real public interest and I don't mean stories in the Sunday paper nonsense with headlines like "I was rogered by an alien" or "aliens ate my hamster" ad nanseum, will the wall of secrecy and denial come down. It really is up to us all, what we as individuals now do and say could well effect us and humanity as a whole in the future to come.

The knowledge and all it holds will be revealed to us by our own efforts and we will see just how much our leaders & government's have been deceiving us for centuries and in so doing we can enter a new age

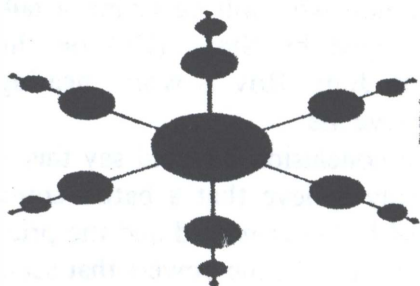
of enlightenment or will we, through apathy, allow the wall to get stronger. We are I believe at a critical stage in UFOlogy and I feel that within the next couple of years (as predicted by many seers) contact will be available. Now ask yourself what can you do this year to shake that !

'We stand at the doorways to the higher worlds but they wont open till we open ourselves'..

Steve Hillage - Track entitled 'Unidentified' - from L.P 'Green' in 1978.

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'Snowflakes in Summer'



Just over a year ago, I (The Wheatear) informed SUFOG reader's that the editor of the Cerealogist, George Wingfield, said **he** had evidence that John Lundberg and Rod Dickinson (Two crop circle hoaxers) were connected with the Roswell Santilli Alien Autopsy film. George suggested and I **emphasis** suggested, that another hoaxer, one Rob Irving may also be involved in this deception (Wingfield **alleged** that Irving had been involved in the filming of the event). As the Wheatear, I merely conveyed the story to SUFOG readers. Well, what a response I received from Rob Irving or should I say Steve Gerrard did as Irving thought, I

presume, that Steve was suffering from some form of split personality i.e. he (Steve) was the editor and the Wheatear !

Irving was foaming at the mouth in denouncing the SUFOG newsletter to quote one line from it "Were your newsletter not so stranded so far out in the wilderness of rant" etc etc. In my response to Irving's hysteria I asked that he stated publicly what crop circle formations he had participated in making, I never thought he would reply to this challenge and of course he didn't.

Now George Wingfield (How can anyone not admire his tenacity) is on the attack again. The story goes like this... Last year (August 11th) a formation appeared near Olivers Castle, which I believe was once an ancient hillfort - nr Devizes, Wilts. The formation was dubbed the **Snowflake** due to its shape. What made this formation important was the fact that its construction was filmed by someone overlooking the fields above Olivers Castle. On film, were a number of balls of light that seemed to create the 'Snowflake'. Paul Vigay has since proved this to be relatively easy to re-create using computer know how. Exciting as this footage sounds I believe that the formation and light forms are hoaxed. The area near Olivers Castle seems to be becoming a hoaxers favorite spot no doubt due to the superb view from the top of the 'Castle'/Hillfort and its isolation. In 1994 a stunning formation called the '3 crescents' or 'torcs' appeared here and if anyone visited this formation, as I did, one could not fail to be impressed by its beauty, this was landart. Although impressive from afar, the 'H' word soon cropped up (Later believed

to be made by Paul Mann and Adrian Dexter). The Oliver Castle film, which only lasts approx. 24 seconds, has caused a lot of trouble in the crop circle world. Some still believe it to be genuine, some researchers behaved as though they had found there very own pot of gold, dollar signs in front of their eyes. As it were, and others were more realistic. This confusion led to arguments which was no doubt a bonus a bonus for the makers of the formation and the film who thrive on researchers arguing and bickering.

Well it seems that on the previous night before the 'Snowflake' was found, Paul Mann (**allegedly** the co-creator of the 3 torcs if you like this... Last year (August 11th) recall) and one Bob Irving (Well I never !) were seen at the Barge Inn at Honeystreet, near Alton Barnes just 7 or so miles from Oliver's Castle and according to Wingfield they left together. Apparently, Irving was heard to say that one (formation) would appear that night bearing in mind no other formation was found the next day apart from the dubious 'Snowflake', slightly suspicious would you not say ? Here was Irving, camera and video expert, Paul Mann who allegedly helped the 3 torcs appear in 1994, incidentally very near to where this film was made, er I mean recorded. I leave you to decide the authenticity of this formation and the film bearing in mind the history of these 2 individuals. Furthermore, if the story is correct, then it shows that crop circle hoaxing is becoming more & more sophisticated and we must ask ourselves the question why go to such lengths to rubbish the phenomena & what will this year hold.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next group meeting will be on the **15th of JUNE**, at Woolston Community Centre, Church Road, Woolston at 19.30 hrs until 22.30 hrs in the usual meeting room.

GUEST SPEAKERS.

As from the **29th June 1997**, I will be organising, along with other members of the group, a guest speaker to speak to the group and other interested parties. The first speaker will be **Mr Roy Lake** of the London UFO Studies group, and doors will open at 2 pm and the meeting will be finished at 5 pm. If this is well supported, then every 4 months, I will book guest speakers to give us lectures on a regular basis. If you have any ideas about a speaker, then please let me know, and I will see what I can arrange. But beware, there will be restricted numbers, so get your tickets early.

I/We require _____ tickets (please quote number of tickets required).

Ticket Price : £5.

Refreshments will be available at the venue.

Venue : Woolston Community Centre, Church Road, Woolston, Southampton.

Name : _____

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Please note, there is a limit on the available number of tickets.

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